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Subject: MLPAComments: SUGGESTED COMMENTS TO MLPA FRAMEWORK

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From: Randal Friedman, Navy Region Southwest

Per our conversation, these are some initial suggestions for the Framework document. We are still reviewing but wanted to get you something as a starting point as initially reviewed by the DoD community in California. The DoD community remains very interested in the process and appreciates your consideration of these comments as a follow-up to our presentation to the Blue Ribbon panel.

Thanks again. Randy

add to the "goals" section the policy from the Governor's Ocean Action Plan as follows:

- *Coordinate California ocean and coastal management activities that impact military facilities/operations with the Department of Defense, as well as requesting the Department of Defense to coordinate their activities and operational needs with the State of California to the extent possible without compromising national security objectives.*

Second, in the framework section add the following as a placeholder

- *California coastal waters, especially those in Southern California, are critical for our nation's military both for training and testing as well as operations. The military controls two of the Channel Islands and has installations along significant portions of the coastline. Many of the operational ocean areas are significantly restricted to public access. Based on inputs from the military services, the designation of MLPA's in designated operational areas of the military is not consistent with military readiness. Therefore, in assessing the overall MLPA network, the beneficial effects of military operational areas with respect to habitat conservation goals will be considered in the needs assessment.*